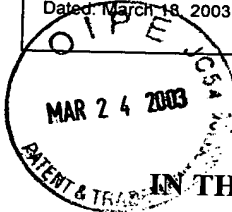


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Cancel claim 3, without prejudice.

Amend claims 1, 2, 23, 24, 25 and 26 as follows:

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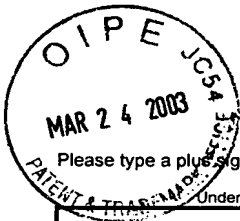
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